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messaging signals; and

- (C) discarding the voice channel assignment signals.
- 19. The method of claim 18, wherein:

the voice channel assignment signals and the short messaging signals are timedivision multiplexed in the digital control channel.

- 20. The method of claim 18, wherein step (A) comprises the step of: demultiplexing the digital control channel.
- 21. The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of:

  paging a receiver in the cellular messaging network using the short messaging signals. --

## **REMARKS**

This pending Application (Ser. No. 09/168,919) was filed on October 9, 1998, along with a Preliminary Amendment. The Preliminary Amendment filed October 9, 1998 canceled claims 1-13 such that claims 14-17 remain pending in the Application.

This Second Preliminary Amendment adds claims 18-21 for examination.

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Upon entering this Second Preliminary Amendment, claims 14-21 will be pending in the Application. Examination in due course is respectfully requested.

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